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	First Named Inventor	Lowell, Wilhelm R.
	<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
	Application Number	Unknown
	Filing Date	Herewith
	Group Art Unit	Unknown
	Examiner Name	Unknown

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**LAY-IN TILE SPEAKER SYSTEM**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

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(if applicable).

Application Number

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LAY-IN TILE SPEAKER SYSTEM

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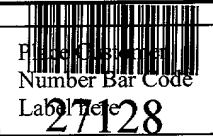
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Date	October 3 2001 ✓

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## LAY-IN TILE SPEAKER SYSTEM

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Lowell et al.Application No./Patent No.: Not Yet Known Filed/Issue Date: HerewithEntitled: LAY-IN TILE SPEAKER SYSTEMLowell Manufacturing Co., a company  
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